

A Happy  
New Year

# The Mountain Eagle

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For All

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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

New subscribers to the Eagle are piling in on top of each other

### John Langley A

#### Citizen Again

It is again Hon. John W. Langley, for a few days ago President Coolidge, on the advice of the Attorney General of the United States restored to him all the privileges of a citizen of our country.

It will be recalled that in 1924, Mr. Langley then the member of Congress from our district, was tried in the Federal Court at Covington on a charge of conspiracy in obtaining whiskey permits from a Kentucky whiskey warehouse and given two years in the Atlanta penitentiary. He immediately appealed the case to the Supreme Court and later in the year the sentence was confirmed. He then resigned his seat in Congress and was taken to Atlanta to begin serving his sentence. There he remained one year when he was paroled. He returned to his home at Pikeville. His wife, Mrs. Katherine Langley, succeeded him in Congress and is still the member from our district.

Mrs. Jane Dotson, 82 once a resident of Whitseburg, died at her home at Wise, a few days ago.

"You are looking bad this morning," "yes" said our visitor, sadly. "I've got a cold in my head or something."

"It is most likely a cold" said the office boy.

Hon. Green Garrett, of Lexington, well and favorably known all over Kentucky was seeing friends here.

S. G. Fairchild who accompanied Beryl Mullins to the hospital at Louisville returned to his home here. Mr. Mullins underwent the operation referred to in our issue of last week and is reported to be doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fletcher of Neon are the proud parents of a spry newly arrived ten pound girl. Mrs. Fletcher is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craft of Neon and a sister to Mrs. Zimmerman of our city.

Mrs. Ishmael Enlowe is quite sick at the Baptist Parsonage in the city. She too is suffering with flu.

Estevah Webb, teacher at Ermine has been confined to her room here with flu for more than a week.

Santa was especially generous to Attorney J. L. Hays, Mrs. Thelma Bates at her parents home, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Day and a Mr. Banks at Ice. He brought each of these real live, laughing and crying dolls.

As soon as the President-Elect Herbert Hoover returns from his South American voyage he will proceed to Washington to look over the situation.

Roy Kinman, 38, Clerk of the Grant County Circuit Court was fun over and instantly killed Christmas day by three Ohio motorists. The trio were arrested and placed in jail on a murder charge.

### CHANGES MANAGEMENT

C. H. Back released his management of the Daniel Boone Hotel and the owners have leased same to Speed Nicholson, well known young business man residing here for some time and assisted by his sister is now in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Back and family are moving to their home in the Lewis addition.

### Many Attend

#### Health Clinic

We have no report from the Clinic held in the Health Department here as to the number of persons operated on for diseased tonsils but from the great number of interested people who crowded around the doors of the Department headquarters the number must have been large.

Physicians and nurses were observed to be working hard. It was one of the rare opportunities that comes now and then in a life-time.

### In The Home Town

#### Long Years After

(From The Sanfrancisco Examiner)

For many years James Stamper, 67, orchardist, of Saratoga, in Santa Clara County, dreamed of Whitesburg, Ky., the home of his boyhood.

He left Whitesburg when he was only 7 to go out into the world and make his living. He prospered here on the Pacific Coast, but never could see his way clear to gratify his long cherished desire to visit the old town.

He kept on dreaming, however, about Kentucky and talking about it to his relatives and neighbors. And yesterday, after a sixty year absence, according to the Associated Press, he actually got off the train in Whitesburg, having left Saratoga a week ago to make his dreams come true.

But his brothers and sisters and his childhood chums, who had not seen him for six decades, failed to recognize him. The James Stamper they had known was a red cheeked and sturdy boy. Here was an aged man stooped and gray from the weight of 67 winters. So he had to introduce himself all around before he and his old friends could set down and discuss the pranks they used to play when life was really worth while in Whitesburg.

### Tinsly Fields Shot

Last Sunday while fooling with a 38 Smith and Wesson pistol on the head of Big Cowan a man named Gillam, said to be from Virginia, accidentally discharged it and Tinsly Fields, about sixty, was shot in the pit of the stomach, inflicting what physicians say may prove a fatal wound. Dr. Bentley was called to administer aid.

### Stanley-Johnson

At the home of the bride, Tom Johnson on Little Cowan a few days ago, Miss Virgie Johnson and Malcolm Stanley, of Virginia were happily married. Immediately following the ceremony, the happy couple left for the home of the groom in Virginia. Our best wishes go with them.

### EDITOR SICK

Since Monday the Editor has been confined to his home with flu and this will account for some of the less usual interest in your Eagle. Besides this, Christmas comes but once a year and the boys in the office had to play Santa with their home sweethearts. Some how or other there is always a spirit of do-nothing prevailing on the day before the day and the day after Christmas. Sometimes, but not with the Eagle boys, there is a long lonesome headache due to the day and night before that has to be taken into account.

### FLU RAGING

There are more people sick with flu in the town and county than since 1918. So far however, only one death has been reported, that of a little school girl at Jenkins. More than 100 cases are reported at Haymond, about the same at Neon and the general word that we get is that "everybody is sick." Physicians on the outside through the newspapers are stating that they believe the flu rage will be over generally by the first of the year and it does not seem to be a very serious epidemic yet.

Among those confined with flu and at this time under care of physicians are Dr. B. C. Back, Dr. Childers, Mrs. Ellen Webb, Miss Steve Webb, a daughter of Mrs. Patsey Fugate, three of the Cash Bowen children, Mrs. Enlowe, Mrs. Cora Williams, Kelsa Adams and his sister and their uncle Joda Adams, Miss Edith Baker, Bryce Cundriff, Miss Cora and Sillar Reynolds, Morgan Ozie, John Niece and plenty of others whom we do not recall.

### Whooping-Cough Is Raging

Whooping Cough is reported to be raging in town and in the neighborhood. It was reported that the school has been exposed. Owing to the raging of flu and this disease and probably others the authorities would do well to stop the congregation of people in public places. Mothers with small children should keep them unexposed.

### WHITESBURG AND HAZARD STRUGGLE FOR MASTERY

In a hotly wagered Basket Ball game at Hazard last Friday night two giant bodies met and expended their best effort. Up to the very last moment it looked like the game would result in a draw, but then, by a mere chance Hazard scored again and the game ended 15 to 16 in favor of Hazard. It is the best contentions of good judges of basketball playing that Hazard can't carry Whitesburg and when they meet on the floor of the Gym here soon something is going to get cooled and let us see to it that that something with its boasted heraldry is Hazard.

Floyd Adams, hustling proprietor of the new Stumble Inn at the upper end of Haymond was a business visitor in the city this week. He reports that business is good at his place.

### NEEDS MORE LIGHTS

Out on Railroad Street from the corner at the Day Hotel to Kyva Motor Company's Garage in the night time pedestrians can hardly see their way. Only one Street Light across from the walk way offers its rays. Won't the city Authorities take up this small matter and give the public more and better lights?

### Good People

#### At Jeremiah

Jeremiah and the neighborhood down on Rockhouse, as a subscription point for the Mountain Eagle, considering its situation, is the best in the county. Its citizenship is without an equal. They are farmers, Democrats and Republicans. All of them have always been the editor's warmest friends and supporters. No better people live.

### Junior Christmas Tree

Saturday night Junior Council No. 12 gave its annual Christmas tree in the Hall here. About 200 persons consisting of Juniors their wives and families and a few invited guests were in attendance. Music, speeches and a general good time which lasted for an hour or two resulted. This Council has increased its membership nearly 100 in the past few days. A great number of the best business people of the city and county are members of the order and are active in maintaining it.

### A Peaceful Christmas

Whitesburg and Letcher County so far as has been heard enjoyed a sober and peaceful Christmas. There were no fatalities of any sort and very few drunks were put under the bans. In town the boys say that wherever they went to get booze Clark Day or someone for him had arrived first. We rejoice that such was our situation and trust there will be no slacking up in the future.

### Perry County Disasters

On the morning before Christmas a lighted fire cracker was tossed into the home of Cornelius Stacey on Troublesome Creek, it struck into a can containing powder which exploded resulting in the burning to death of four of the Stacey small children. Mrs. Stacey, a seventeen year old daughter and an infant were badly burned.

At Jeff, a few miles from Hazard, a pistol battle raged Sunday and when the smoke was cleared away, Mack Sumner, said to be brother-in-law to the sheriff was dead. The motive of the killing, it is believed, was that Sumner had been active in raiding for moonshiners and bootleggers.

At Combs it was reported Monday that Mat Holland, Marshall of the town was shot and killed by J. M. Ellington, a coal miner but in turn was shot and killed by Holland before he died.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. N. M. Webb:  
Whitesburg, Ky.

Dear Old Friend:

A minister who is pastor of a church in a thriving city of 135,000 population does not find time hanging heavy upon his hands, so you may be sure his recreation must be largely taken along the line of duty, however a few days ago there came in my mail, five copies of the "Mountain Eagle", sent me by some good friend of the days gone by, and immediately everything else was forgotten, as we saturated our hearts and minds with the news of the mountains and our dear friends of the happy past. What did it matter that duties were pressing on every hand, nothing but a matter of life and death could have torn Mrs. Scott and I away from our perusal of the papers until we had devoured the contents of each one, even to the advertisements and how our hearts throbbed as we gleaned the news both joyful and sad of many who were in the past, and still are dear to our hearts, for we shall never forget the four years we spent in Whitesburg, my first pastorate, for when we arrived there in August 1918 we felt that we should spend the remainder of our lives among the people of our own Anglo-saxon blood, but God in His Divine Providence has decreed otherwise, and little did we dream at that time that we would be called upon to serve Him here in Canada. But here we are! Separated from the mountains and its people by many hundred miles, nevertheless rejoicing that the Mountain Eagle comes along to bridge the distance and take us in spirit to the land, and people that will always occupy a tender spot in our hearts. And the most remarkable thing of all is that another copy of the Mountain Eagle arrived today informing me that our good friends Mr and Mrs. J. A. Webb have given us a years subscription for a Christmas present, so for the next year at least once every week we shall hear from you all.

Mrs. Scott joins me in best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Sincerely your friends

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Scott  
Hamilton, Ont. Canada.

December 11, 1928.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find personal check \$3.00. Kindly renew my subscription for another year, also renew subscription Mrs. P. S. Apfel, Kalona, Iowa.

While I left the mountains many years ago I still remember the people of dear old Letcher and Knott Counties as among the best I have ever known. I have been living in Dallas more than six years. It is a beautiful city of about 300,000 and while I like it very much, I can never forget the mountains, and some day I hope to visit them again.

I was indeed glad to note that you, Mr. Webb, had taken the helm again.

Regards to all who knew me in childhood and up to the Early Eighties.

Respectfully yours  
J. M. Hale, (Son of the late Marion Hale)  
Dallas, Texas, December 5 1928.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed find \$1.50 for my subscription to the old Eagle as I can't possibly get along without it and since the old Bird has lived up to late, let her still continue her flight.

Yours respectively  
H. B. Whitaker.  
Jeremiah, Ky. December 10 1928

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THOUGH our head almost bursts, our throat is sore, our hands tremble and all the world looks dark and dreary, we are asking the boys in the office to send little rays of sunshine and hope to each Eagle reader.

BEFORE another Eagle reaches the homes of our subscribers the old year, 1928, will be numbered with the dead past and the new 1929 will occupy the front leaf of the calendar. In many respects the year just ending has not been an unusual one. Misfortunes, disasters and heart rending incidents have come. The general health of the people has been good. The year brought us great crops of all kinds and these off-set the poor conditions of our finances, a blessing for which we should feel thankful. Deaths and disasters, as stated, have followed in the wake of the year but considering our opportunities and the thoughtlessness of our people these could have been much worse. The records show that only one man was shot to death in Whitesburg, a number met death in the same way in the county. By far the county's mortality list was increased by auto wrecks. In May we recall the sad death of young Arthur Hart, the dangerous leaps of Patrick and Henry Blair and Riley Moore on Pine Mountain, the unknown man who met death in an auto wreck near Seco, the death of John Fraley near Dunham, the burning to death of Em Adams in a car wreck in the city and the awful deaths of the Hiram Fields family at Dunham. This is to say nothing of the deaths in the ordinary way of many of our best citizens and good friends. There are many things not worth recalling, the actions of the Grand Jurors, the great number that have took passage on the matrimonial seas, the hot November Election, hard-times and only goodness knows what else. The entire year has been filled full enough of the bad and yet the good, it is hoped, has overcome all.

Let the New Year come above our horizon with the black of the past all erased; let's set sail on a clear sea mated and steeled to steer our little ship along safer and saner waters. Let us remember that God reigns, that vengeance is his and that only through His merciful providence do we live and maintain ourselves in this world.

Come along with the old Eagle. It will be our firm and steadfast motto to try to do you good. If we fail it will be of the head and not of the heart.

Good-bye 1928 and good-morning 1929.



Again!

## Seiberling

leads the way!

The new "Special Service" Tire by Seiberling is not only a bigger tire, but it's the last word in toughness—

It's so good that we protect you for a year against any expense on it due to blowouts, rim cuts, or any accident.

What could be fairer than that?

You can depend on any tire we sell as being the best value in town for the money.

**PUBLIC SQUARE SERVICE STATION**  
Opposite Courthouse  
**WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY**

### Locals Bunched.

Make up your mind to spend New Years day out of jail and stay out the rest of the year.

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Most of the family of M. D. Lewis is confined with flu.

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We will publish a list of the jurors to be summoned for the January term of Circuit Court next week. Court begins Jan 21.

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Judge and Mrs. Monroe Fields, like everybody else are confined with flu.

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We have resolved to let no man woman or child insult or belittle our dignity, if we have one, during the coming New Year.

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Next Tuesday is Red Letter Day for the poor tax-payers of the County. The commission burden will load on all who do not have receipts.

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Work on the grade and drain on the Mayo Trail from Eolia to Poor Fork is progressing nicely.

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The Christmas Dance given at Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening was well attended and there was no evidence of disorder.

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Beryl Mullins, operated on for appendicitis at Louisville is reported as doing nicely and will soon be able to come home.

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Are you encouraged by your success in business the past year? Yes? Well make it better the coming year by showing the proper spirit—advertising in the Mountain Eagle the local newspaper, read in almost every home and the old stand-by of our people. You failed? Well then take heart. We'll help you all we can in bringing success to all. Every hard-worker deserves success.

### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Tucker a pretty little Christmas party was given by the hostess Mrs. Tucker to her Sunday school class at the Presbyterian Church. Delightful games were played for two hours and at the close Santa came with a pack on his back containing toys, candy and dozens of other nice things to tickle the children. It was a happy bunch that left after such a gay time.

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A large number of the younger set met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burton on Saturday evening and till a late hour enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. Beautiful Christmas Carols and hymns were sung. Amid the reign of the music and cheer lainty eats of all kinds were served. Mrs. Burton, the hostess, always ready for an emergency, was in her happiest mood and at the close a rousing Christmas greeting was given to all.

### Meets Next Saturday

At one o'clock next Saturday there will be a meeting of the Red Cross Chapter at Letcher State Bank for the purpose of electing officers. Chairman C. H. Burton wants all members to be present.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

To the voters of Magisterial District No. 1, Whitesburg: I have decided to announce myself as a Candidate for Justice of the Peace in your District, subject to the action of the Republican Party and my friends at the August 1929 Primary. I am thirty-five years of age, a son of Bill Fields, a well known citizen and was raised in your district. As to my reputation and character I leave that to all those who have known me all my life.

I will be glad to receive the help and support of all. I am ardently for the building of good roads. Trusting to receive the help and support of all, I am.

Very truly

Walter Fields  
December, 27, 1928.

### Henry Brown Says:-

Dear Friends: You have noted I am a Candidate for Sheriff at the Primary next August. Well, I want all my friends to know now that I will be a Candidate, Providence only hindering, till the polls close on that day in August. I shall be sorry to conflict with any of my friends in the contest for this nomination, but they might recall that I was the first to announce for this office. Trusting all will take due consideration of my Candidacy and that all will join in my support, I am.

Very truly

J. Henry Brown

### HURTS HAND

(By Frank M. Beverley)  
Feeling, Va., Dec 22—Daniel M. McFall, a farmer of near here, while hauling wood for fuel a day or two since had the misfortune to get the hook of a pair of "gabs" driven into his left hand inflicting an ugly wound. The entering part of the instrument penetrated the flesh between the first and second fingers, extending far down under the palm of his left hand. He has been nursing the wounded hand since the occurrence and suffering considerable inconvenience therefrom.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Look below for candidates who are in the running for nomination at the Primary next August.

FOR SHERIFF

We are authorized and paid to announce J. HENRY BROWN of Whitesburg, Ky., as a candidate for Sheriff of Letcher County subject to the Republican voters at the August 1929 Primary.

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK

We are directed and paid to announce J. MARTIN POTTER of Fishpond, a Republican Candidate for Sheriff of Letcher County subject to the voters at the Primary to be held in August 1929.

FOR JUSTICE 8th. DISTRICT

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
OF LETCHER COUNTY

## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS LETTERS FROM  
OUR CORRESPONDENTS

## LOCALS

Misses Kissie See, Lucretia Cassady and Miss Landwier and Mrs. West were Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Maggie Stump at McRoberts.

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Tinsley Fields, accidentally shot on Big Cawan Christmas day died from the effect of his wound this evening.

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Bona Hall boldly declares that he will be a Candidate for Jailer and that he will so announce soon.

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Uncle Sol Holcomb and Aunt Elizabeth, aged main street residents, are each confined in their home with flu. They have been ill for more than a week.

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Mrs. Sarah Evans, resident of Broadway is seriously sick with flu. She is the married daughter of Elder Robt. Blair.

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No matter if times were dull and "coin" scarce, Santa managed to find his way into almost all the homes and leave bundles and boxes of Christmas cheer.

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It is reported that a large

number of persons on Sandlick are suffering with flu.

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On next Sunday evening the passenger train from McRoberts will arrive here at 3:55 P. M. as it did some months ago.

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If things do look dark and discouraging it will do no good to croak and croon. The sky will be cloudless somewhere tomorrow.

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If the two banks here and the other two in the county will furnish us unofficial statements and write ups of their business transactions the past year we will be glad to publish them in our next issue.

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In this issue appears the announcement of our well known citizen Walter Fields, who wants to serve the people as Justice of the Peace in the lower Whitesburg district number one. Everybody knows Walter to be a nice, sober and intelligent gentleman and entitled to the consideration of his hundreds of friends.

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Most of the students from here and in schools at various points in the State made it convenient to spend Christmas with home folks.

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## Notice To Delinquent Subscribers

We'll be sorry when our first January Eagle is ready for mailing because a number of persons long behind with their subscriptions and with the date of their expiration right before them each week, will receive no Eagle. If the Eagle comes to your home it is worth the little time and pains it takes to pay for it. If you fail to get the Eagle please call and settle what you owe and get square for the paper during the 1929 run at least.

Personal regards, best wishes and a brighter New Year for all.

N. M. Webb.

## Whitesburg Knocks

## Carr Creek

The boast of heraldry and the pomp of power was all knocked out of Carr Creek Basket Ball Team when it bucked up against Whitesburg's crack team on the Gym floor here a few evenings ago. The battle ended 22 to 14 in favor of Whitesburg. Wright was high point man for Whitesburg.

## NOTICE !!

The undersigned will receive sealed bids, up until January 3rd at 7 P. M., for the improvement of Valley Street and Pine Street by grading and draining, and hard surfacing, gutter and curb, according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of C. H. Burton, City Engineer.

Bidders will be required to file with each bid a certified check in the sum equal to 2% of the amount of the bid. Checks will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. D. Sergent, City Clerk, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

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